1.   (Three Times Amended) A RESOURCE management system, comprising:

(a) a plurality of SERVERs grouped into LOCAL SERVERs and REGIONAL SERVERs, each of the LOCAL SERVERs comprising means for storing RESOURCEs therein, and each of the REGIONAL SERVERs comprising means for storing Profiles of RESOURCEs stored in one or more of the LOCAL SERVERs therein, wherein the LOCAL and REGIONAL SERVERs are linked together for electronically transferring PROFILEs and RESOURCEs therebetween; and

(b) one or more PCs, distinct from the LOCAL SERVERs and coupled to one or more of the SERVERs, each of the PCs comprising:

(i) means for storing PROFILES of RESOURCEs into one or more of the REGIONAL SERVERs;

(ii) means for searching all of the PROFILEs in all of the REGIONAL SERVERs; and

(iii) means for accessing a RESOURCE from any one of the LOCAL SERVERs based on the searched PROFILEs.

2.   A system according to claim 1, wherein each of the PCs further comprises:

(iv) means for storing a downloadable RESOURCE into one or more of the LOCAL SERVERs.

3.   A system according to claim 2, wherein each of the PCs further comprises:

(v) means for downloading any of the RESOURCEs contained in any of the LOCAL SERVERs into the PC.

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4.   A system according to claim 1, wherein the REGIONAL SERVERs further comprise:

(c) means for storing a PROFILE which contains information about a user of a SERVER; and

(d) means for restricting the user's access to RESOURCEs based on the information contained

in the user's PROFILE.

5.   (Three Times Amended) A RESOURCE management system, comprising:

(a) one or more LOCAL SERVERs, each of the LOCAL SERVERs comprising means for

storing RESOURCEs therein; and

(b) one or more REGIONAL SERVERs, each of the REGIONAL SERVERs comprising

means for storing PROFILEs of RESOURCEs stored in one or more of the LOCAL SERVERs;

(c) means for electronically linking the LOCAL and REGIONAL SERVERs together, so that

PROFILEs and RESOURCEs can be transferred therebetween;

(d) one or more PCs, distinct from the LOCAL SERVERs and coupled to one or more of the

SERVERs, each of the PCs comprising:

(i) means for storing PROFILES of RESOURCEs into one or more of the

REGIONAL SERVERs; and

(ii) means for searching all of the PROFILEs in all of the REGIONAL SERVERs.

6.   (Four Times Amended) A RESOURCE management system, comprising:

(a) a plurality of SERVERs grouped into LOCAL SERVERs and REGIONAL SERVERs,

each of the LOCAL SERVERs comprising means for storing RESOURCEs therein, and each of the

REGIONAL SERVERs comprising means for storing PROFILEs of RESOURCEs stored in one or

more of the LOCAL SERVERs, wherein the LOCAL and REGIONAL SERVERs are linked together

for electronically transferring PROFILEs and RESOURCEs therebetween;

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(i) each of the LOCAL SERVERs serving one or more PCs, the PCs being distinct from the LOCAL SERVERs; and

(ii) each of the REGIONAL SERVERs storing a catalog of PROFILEs that describe RESOURCEs; and

(b) means, performed by each of the PCs, for storing PROFILEs on any of the REGIONAL SERVERs, for searching any of the PROFILEs stored in any of the REGIONAL SERVERs and for accessing a RESOURCE stored in any one of the LOCAL SERVERs based on the searched PROFILEs.

7.   A system according to claim 6, wherein the search means comprises means for Boolean key-word searching of the PROFILEs contained in any of the REGIONAL SERVERs.

8.   A system according to claim 6, wherein the search means further comprises means for ordering a search of any of the PROFILES to be performed at a future time.

9.   (Four Times Amended) A method of managing RESOURCEs, comprising the following steps:

(a) logically grouping a plurality of SERVERs into LOCAL SERVERs and REGIONAL SERVERs;

(b) storing the RESOURCEs at one or more of the LOCAL SERVERs;

(c) allowing a user to store, from a single site distinct from the LOCAL SERVERs, PROFILEs for the RESOURCEs at one or more of the REGIONAL SERVERs, each PROFILE containing information relating to its RESOURCE;

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(d) allowing a user to search, from the single site, all of the PROFILEs stored in the REGIONAL SERVERs; and

(e) allowing the user to access, from the single site, a RESOURCE from any one of the LOCAL SERVERS based on the PROFILEs searched in the REGIONAL SERVERs.

10. A method according to claim 9, wherein:

(1) some of the RESOURCEs comprise downloadable data; and

(2) some of the RESOURCEs comprise data which is not downloadable.

11. A method according to claim 10, wherein some of the RESOURCEs comprise physical objects.

12. A method according to claim 9, wherein some of the RESOURCEs take the form of downloadable data, and the method further comprises the step of allowing a user to download the downloadable data from one of the LOCAL SERVERs to the user's site.

13. A method according to claim 9, wherein all of the PROFILEs are stored in a single REGIONAL SERVER.

14. A method according to claim 9, wherein multiple collections of the PROFILEs are each stored in different REGIONAL SERVERs, and each collection contains substantially all of the PROFILEs.